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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT : Task Force Meeting of 2 December 1975

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1. [ ] distributed a catalog of proposed legislation which had been submitted by the Director to John Marsh at the White House. Those attending the Task Force meeting as representatives of the four Directorates were asked to ensure that the respective Deputy Directors receive the catalog. [ ] noted that Tabs I, J, and K were added specifically at the Director's request.

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2. [ ] also distributed to all members a paper defining the DCI's position on "potential legislation" including DCI changes to the organization and function matrix prepared at the 25 November 1975 meeting. The Task Force also was issued a paper defining deadlines for the various papers associated with sensitive issues and allegations, and (Issues and Answers) and reminded to comply with the deadline date.

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3. The Task Force then reviewed (Issues and Answers) paper V entitled "How Best to Produce National Estimates," prepared by [ ]. The Task Force agreed with the argumentation endorsing the NIO system but took exception to the suggestion about a small group of expert drafters or editors. The fear of the Task Force was that in essence we would be establishing the nucleus for another ONE.

4. The Task Force then addressed paper VII under "Issues and Answers" entitled "The DCI Responsibility for Providing Substantive Foreign Intelligence to Congress." Minor editorial changes were suggested. Bill Parmenter has responsibility to incorporate them into the final version.

5. Review was then made of paper 10 under "sensitive issues and allegations" regarding intelligence and predictability of major international events. The paper was accepted pretty much as written except for deletion of specifics in the paragraph on "coup plots." Mr. Lehman to prepare a rewrite of that paragraph.

6. Review of the upcoming calendar of House and Senate Select Committee meetings indicated the House was to hold hearings on the future of intelligence on 12 December and the Senate would hold hearings on the future of the Intelligence Community on the 18th and 19th. As yet the Director has not asked for any supporting documentation or papers. [redacted]

[redacted] was commissioned to inquire of the Director if he needed any supporting documents from the Task Force.

7. Angus Thuermer reported that the Director had commented on his paper "Telling the Intelligence Story" and he was prepared to implement the Director's recommendations. He did solicit from the various Directorates any topics which would help tell the true story of intelligence. He also asked for any comments or recommendations regarding "senior statesmen" who could speak on our behalf.

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